

Subject: Weekly Newsletter: LA Harbor COVID-19 Relief Fund Launches, Free Meal Delivery Program, Expanded Drive-Thru Testing and More...

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[WATCH:](#) LA HARBOR AREA COVID-19 RELIEF FUND LAUNCHES

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[By Donna Littlejohn, *Daily Breeze*](#)

A plan to deliver free restaurant meals and other aid to Harbor Area residents amid the coronavirus pandemic is growing in scope and will partially roll out Friday, April 10, with 1,000 grocery gift cards going to pre-selected families.


A San Pedro native has provided a half-million dollar match to the original \$500,000 [senior meal program](#) Los Angeles City Councilman Joe Buscaino announced on last week, as he sought local restaurants in the Watts-to-San Pedro district to participate.

Chuck Ursini Jr. of Manhattan Beach, a San Pedro native and co-founder of System1, stepped up with the \$500,000 donation last weekend, allowing the

program to expand. [System1 in Venice Beach](#) is an internet technology company that works with the world's largest search engines to enhance their businesses.

A [GoFundMe page](#) is now raising even more for the L.A. Harbor COVID-19 Relief Fund — which now has a goal of raising \$2 million total. [CONTINUE READING...](#)


[SIGN UP:](#) COUNCILMEMBER BUSCAINO'S FREE SENIOR & DISABLED MEAL DELIVERY PROGRAM


 Senior Meals Program

For Seniors:

Sign Up for Meal Delivery by filling out this form: <https://forms.gle/CbmdmeZSoBuMHwQK9> or by calling our office at 310-732-4515.

SIGN UP: DRIVE-THRU TESTING NOW AVAILABLE TO ANYONE WITH SYMPTOMS

 Go to coronavirus.lacity.org/testing

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Starting this week anyone with symptoms can [Sign Up for Drive-Thru Testing](#).

Keep checking the website as new appointment slots come online as the City receives tests.

WATCH: COUNCIL DISTRICT 15 RECEIVES MASK DONATION


 [Watch the video](#)



Thank you to the China General Chamber of Commerce, [China General Chamber of Commerce - USA](#) Foundation and Sherman Zhang owner of the [DoubleTree by Hilton](#) for the donation of 10,000 N95 masks and 10,000 3-ply masks!

Team Buscaino distributed the medical-grade masks to Kaiser Permanente in Harbor City, Providence Little Company of Mary, MLK Jr. Hospital and the Wilmington and Harbor Community Clinics. The three-ply masks were distributed to essential community workers many of whom are assisting with meal deliveries or distribution during this time including the Boys and Girls Club of the LA Harbor, SBCC Thrive LA, East Side Riders, Sisters of Watts, City Lights Foundation, GAP, and the Toberman Neighborhood Center. [WATCH...](#)

CRITICAL SHORTAGE: SIGN UP TO DONATE BLOOD TODAY

**Wilmington Blood Drive**
[-https://www.facebook.com/events/642493576545984/](https://www.facebook.com/events/642493576545984/)


 [Donate blood with the American Red Cross](#)

Sign up to donate at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/>.

NEW CORONAVIRUS RESOURCES AND INFORMATION

For the latest information visit: coronavirus.lacity.org

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 **Call 888-863-7411 for more senior services**



Parks are closed this weekend only.



PPP Icon

The Paycheck Protection Program is a loan designed to provide a direct incentive for small businesses to keep their workers on the payroll.

SBA will forgive loans if all employees are kept on the payroll for eight weeks and the money is used for payroll, rent, mortgage interest, or utilities.

The loan will be fully forgiven if the funds are used for payroll costs, interest on mortgages, rent, and utilities (due to likely high subscription, at least 75% of the forgiven amount must have been used for payroll). Loan payments will also be

deferred for six months. No collateral or personal guarantees are required. Neither the government nor lenders will charge small businesses any fees.

Forgiveness is based on the employer maintaining or quickly rehiring employees and maintaining salary levels. Forgiveness will be reduced if full-time headcount declines, or if salaries and wages decrease.

This loan has a maturity of 2 years and an interest rate of .5%.

Below is a list of banks that participate in PPP loans

National Banks - *Banks accepting PPP Applications only from existing business Clients:*

[Bank of America](#)

[JPMorgan Chase](#)

[Wells Fargo](#)

[Union Bank](#)

[US Bank](#)

[Capital One](#)

Regional Banks

[Bank of Hope](#)

[Bank of the West](#)

[BBVA](#) ***

[Celtic Bank](#)

Citizens Bank***: [current business customers](#), [non-customers](#)

[Comerica Bank](#)

[Commonwealth Business Bank](#) ***

[East West Bank](#)

[First Bank](#)

[First Citizens Bank](#)

[Hanmi Bank](#)

[Pacific Western Bank](#)

[Silicon Valley Bank](#)

[Umpqua Bank](#)

[United Business Bank](#)

[US Metro Bank](#): [more information](#)

[VelocitySBA](#) ***

[Wallis Bank](#)

Credit Unions and Nonbank Lenders

[America First Credit Union](#)

[Fountainhead SBF](#)

[Ready Capital](#)

*** Banks that are currently not participating in PPP loans as of 4/2/2020 but will in the future. Continue to check on these banks to know when they will start participating.



I support the arts

Practicing artists living in all fifty states, territories, and Tribal Nations, working in any discipline, are able to apply for the **\$5,000 grant**. Applicants must be 21 or older, able to receive taxable income in the United States regardless of their

citizenship status, and have generally lived and worked in the United States for the last two years. Due to expected demand, Artist Relief recognizes it will not be able to fund every applicant. Artists demonstrating the most severe needs will be prioritized, with an emphasis on funding widely across disciplines and geographies, as well as disability, ethnicity, and gender. Applications will be reviewed and assessed for eligibility and need in collaboration with cultural nonprofits across the country, who will assist in the determination and selection process. Visit this website: <https://www.artistrelief.org/>.

 HCIDLA Survey

Attention!

The City of Los Angeles needs your help!

By taking a five-minute online [survey](#), you can help the City of Los Angeles

decide where to spend millions of dollars to improve your neighborhood! These funds can be used to address social and economic concerns for people with lower incomes, including assistance to respond to the impact of COVID-19.


Please take the [survey](#), and let us know whether proposed projects will meet the needs of your family and neighborhood.


Please pass it on! Please complete the survey by May 15, 2020.



Apply for WIC phfewic.org/apply

*****CONTINUING INFORMATION*****

 Use a cloth face covering in public, n95 masks are for medicalworkers

 Wear a face covering in public



Visit hcidla.lacity.org for more information



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Have questions about LA's Eviction Protections? Call 1-866-557-7368 or visit hcidla.lacity.org.

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the Coronavirus (COVID-19) as a pandemic. On March 15th, Los Angeles Mayor Garcetti issued an Emergency Order which implemented measures to protect the public and contain the risk of contracting the COVID-19 virus. Additionally, on March 23rd the Mayor issued a [temporary moratorium](#) on evictions for non-payment of rent

for tenants who are unable to pay rent due to circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

On March 30th, the Mayor halted rent increases on occupied rental units that are subject to the City's Rent Stabilization Ordinance **(RSO)**. Effective March 31, 2020, the Los Angeles City Council passed Ordinance No. 20-0147-S19 expands protections for tenants during the local emergency in response to COVID-19. Together, these actions are designed to prevent unnecessary housing displacement and to prevent housed individuals from falling into homelessness. [CONTINUE READING...](#)

Payroll Protection

The Paycheck Protection Program is a loan designed to provide a direct incentive for small businesses to keep their workers on the payroll. SBA will **forgive loans** if all employees are kept on the payroll for eight weeks and the money is used for payroll, rent, mortgage interest, or utilities. There is no fee to apply for a Paycheck Protection Program Loan.

For small businesses to apply, they will work directly with their participating lender. Your local small businesses and eligible entities can find their closest participating lender at <https://www.sba.gov/paycheckprotection/find>

Who can apply?

- This program is for any small business with less than 500 employees (including sole proprietorships, independent contractors and self-employed

persons), private non-profit organization or 501(c)(19) veterans organizations affected by coronavirus/COVID-19.

- Businesses in certain industries may have more than 500 employees if they meet the [SBA's size standards](#) for those industries.
- Small businesses in the hospitality and food industry with more than one location could also be eligible if their individual locations employ less than 500 workers

In addition to the Paycheck Protection Program, the SBA has a number of other resources available to affected Small Businesses, such as an Economic Injury Loan which now includes an advance of up to \$10,000. Also, the SBA has also proactively offered debt relief for existing SBA loans. [LEARN MORE...](#)

 [OnwardCA.org](https://onwardca.org)

Losing your job amidst a pandemic is traumatic. OnwardCA is a resource that has been rapidly deployed by a broad coalition of companies, foundations, and humans who want to help. Help you get money or groceries or child care; help you upskill, reskill, or refresh; and help you land a great new job. [LEARN MORE...](#)

 **State resources at covid19.ca.gov**

Statewide Senior Hotline: 1-833-544-2374. More information at covid19.ca.gov.

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LADOT is helping restaurants that provide made-to-order food pick-up options by supplying parking signs free of charge to businesses. [Apply here...](#)



Families First PDF

Este manual digital de Familias Primero para los constituyentes contra el Coronavirus le ayudará a informarse de todos los beneficios que están disponibles para usted y su comunidad y cómo accederlos. [LEER...](#)



Recycla Updates

Businesses may contact the LA Sanitation Customer Care Center to adjust service level. In addition, businesses that have closed can request to have their service suspended or reduced. Businesses can reach out to the 24-hour LA Sanitation Customer Care Center at 1-800-773-2489 to request change in services.

Additionally, starting this week, LA Sanitation will be doubling down on trash and recycling pickup to keep our communities safe and clean during this crisis. This service extension starts Monday. For details, call 311 or Sanitation's 24-hour customer care center: 800-773-2489.

[CLICK HERE TO SEE INFORMATION FROM PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS...](#)

[LEARN MORE](#): 2020 CALIFORNIA CENSUS IS HERE!

Complete the census

The 2020 California census has arrived! Be informed, be involved, and be counted. Here is a [quick guide](#) to the 2020 Census. Be prepared! Please review the [checklist](#) to know what information you will need to complete the questionnaire easily.

Why should I participate in the census?

When you complete the census, you're standing up not only for yourself, but for you community

- Over \$115 billion is spent every year on California schools, healthcare, housing, transportation, and other vital programs determined by census data.
- If California doesn't have an accurate count, we could lose a seat in Congress.
- If you don't complete the census, your identity and community is invisible to people who have the power to make major decisions affecting your life.

How do I complete the census?

- Center action kiosks (CAK) will be located across the City and in your community.
- On your own internet-ready computer, smartphone, or tablet
- Call one of the U.S. Census Bureau's Census 2020 hotlines to request or complete a questionnaire.
- Check your mailbox for a questionnaire from the U.S. Census Bureau.

When does the census happen?

- March: invitations are mailed out asking households to respond to the new online census. Reminder letters go out towards the end of the month.
- April: Reminder postcards go to households that haven't responded online. You may receive a reminder letter and paper questionnaire if you have not responded by their fourth reminder.
- May: Census takers will visit households that have not responded.

If you have more questions, please visit our [FAQ](#) page or call the U.S. Census Bureau at (213) 314-6502.

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



City Hall Lit up Blue

This week Los Angeles City Hall was lit in blue to honor our health care and front line workers. Thank you for your sacrifices during this crisis.

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